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William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights and the Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Civil Service are planning to hold joint hearings on the Presidential directive on safeguarding national security information. Our focus will be on the provisions relating to the use of polygraphs and pre-publication review.

We are writing to invite you or your representative to appear and testify at our hearing on Thursday, April 28, 1983 at 9:30 a.m. in room 2237 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

In order to assist members of the Subcommittee in preparing for this hearing, we ask that 50 copies of your statement be filed by noon, Monday, April 25, 1983. In addition, we also ask that you provide us, at the earliest possible date, with copies of Agency regulations on the pre-publication review process and polygraph examinations. Other documents or information regarding the use of these two processes including any Agency studies, reports, or memoranda on the use, reliability, validity or effectiveness of polygraph tests and/or the pre-publication review process.

Your earliest acceptance of this invitation would be appreciated. If you have any questions regarding our hearings, please feel free to contact Ms. Helen Gonzales, Assistant Counsel to the Judiciary Subcommittee at 226-7680 or Andrew Feinstein, Chief Counsel of the Civil Service Subcommittee at 225-4025.

Sincerely,

*Don Edwards*

Don Edwards  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Civil and  
Constitutional Rights

*Pat Schroeder*

Patricia Schroeder  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on  
Civil Service

cc: Burton Hutchings  
Legislative Liaison



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Dear Mr. Chairman/Dear Madam Chairwoman:

Thank you for your letter of 14 April 1983 inviting CIA participation on 28 April, at which time your Subcommittee and the Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Civil Service (reverse for other letter) will hear from Administration witnesses concerning government-wide use of polygraphs and pre-publication review.

Pre-publication review and polygraph examinations and the Agency's use thereof have been thoroughly examined in the recent past by our Oversight Committees, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI). The Agency testified before the full HPSCI on 6 March 1980 and before its Oversight Subcommittee on 1 May 1980 on our pre-publication review process. HPSCI's Oversight Subcommittee received testimony on use of the polygraph on 16 and 24 May, 1979. (SSCI dates to be inserted.)

As I understand it, the focus of your and Chairwoman Schroeder's (reverse for other letter) joint hearings will not be CIA's use of these tools. Instead, it will be on

their prospective use on a government-wide basis. I do not think it appropriate for an Agency witness to presume to address issues of government-wide policy implemented by Presidential directive. Moreover, I am reluctant to have an Agency witness review CIA use of these tools before other than our Oversight Committees.

I do wish, however, to cooperate with your Subcommittee to every extent possible. Therefore, in lieu of sending an Agency witness to address these matters, we are enclosing a statement and supporting documents, including Agency regulations on the pre-publication review process and polygraph examinations. These materials will meet the request in your letter for materials which address the questions of use, reliability, validity and effectiveness of polygraph tests and the pre-publication review process and they, of course, may be included in the record of the hearing. I trust that you will find them useful. In addition, we are prepared to brief you and Chairwoman Schroeder (Chairman Edwards) and your Minority counterparts in private prior to the session on 28 April. A representative of the Agency's Office of External Affairs will be in touch with Subcommittee staff to arrange such a briefing should you deem it beneficial. A similar letter is being sent to Chairman Don Edwards, Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights/Chairwoman Patricia Schroeder, Subcommittee on Civil Service.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence